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SUBJECT: FCO MEETING TO COORDINATE BRITISH
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1. UK AMBASSADOR WRIGHT CALLED ON ME MAY 18 AS INDICATED REFTEL IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ATTENDANCE AT MEETING IN LONDON MAY 23 TO DISCUSS BERLIN. HE CONFIRMED THAT UK AMBASSADORS FROM BONN, BERLIN AND MOSCOW WILL PARTICIPATE IN MEETING; POSSIBLY AN OFFICER FROM UK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WILL ALSO ATTEND, ALTHOUGH THIS IS UNCERTAIN. AMBASSADOR SAID HE UNDERSTOOD PURPOSE OF CONSULTATION IN LONDON WAS TO REVIEW ALL ASPECTS OF BERLIN PROBLEM IN LIGHT OF FOUR POWER
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DISCUSSION AT LONDON SUMMIT AND TO PLAN FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS.

2. FOLLOWING GENERAL DISCUSSION OF BERLIN PROBLEM, I NOTED IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO WORK OF BONN GROUP AND HIGHLIGHTED DESIRABILITY OF GIVING OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN BONN GROUP AS MUCH FLEXIBILITY AS POSSIBLE IN THEIR

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WORK. SPEAKING FRANKLY, I OBSERVED THAT WE HAD FELT DURING CONSULTATIONS OVER PAST FEW MONTHS THAT UK REPRESENTATIVE IN BONN GROUP SOMETIMES APPEARED TO BE OPERATING UNDER EXCESSIVELY RESTRICTIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON; MOREOVER, HIS INSTRUCTIONS OFTEN WERE NOT TIMELY AND SOMETIMES SEEMED TO CONCERN POINTS WHICH COULD BE REGARDED AS OF MINOR IMPORTANCE. ALL OF THIS TENDED TO SLOW DOWN EFFICIENT FUNCTIONING OF BONN GROUP. AMBASSADOR WRIGHT APPEARED TO BE FULLY FAMILIAR WITH THESE QUESTIONS AND INDICATED HE WAS SYMPATHETIC TO OUR CONCERNS.

3. I ALSO NOTED THAT, IN CONSIDERING ACTIONS WHICH COULD BE TAKEN VIS-A-VIS GDR AND USSR TO DEMONSTRATE OUR DISSATISFACTION WITH THEIR MOVES CONCERNING BERLIN, WE FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO REGISTER OUR COMPLAINTS IN A FIRM MANNER WITH THE GDR WHEN THEY TOOK ACTIONS WE DID NOT LIKE, EVEN IF THEY SEEMED RELATIVELY MINOR. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD LEAD TO MISCONCEPTIONS ON PART OF GDR AND, ULTIMATELY, OF USSR. IN RESPONSE, AMBASSADOR WRIGHT SAID HE TOOK THE POINT ALTHOUGH HE GATHERED THERE WAS A GENUINE DIFFERENCE OF VIEW IN THIS REGARD BETWEEN OUR TWO CAPITALS.

4. WHEN WRIGHT NOTED EVIDENT RELUCTANCE OF FRG TO TAKE ANY ACTION AGAINST GDR IN AREA OF TRADE AND CONTACTS, I REMARKED THAT, WHILE THIS INDEED MIGHT BE TRUE, IT WAS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT FOR THE THREE
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ALLIES TO ADOPT A COMMON STAND ON RETALIATORY ACTIONS. I FELT THIS WAS ESSENTIAL IF FRG WERE TO BE PERSUADED TO UNDERTAKE SIMILAR ACTIONS ON ITS PART.
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